GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
DARJEELING GORKHA HILL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Administration, West Bengal Government and Union Government have reviewed the Hill Council accord recently;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the growing regional economic imbalance in the North Bengal Districts of West Bengal and the activities of the subversive forces; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): A Tripartite meeting was convened on 7.2.2001 between Government of India, Government of West Bengal and representatives of Darjeeling Gorkha Autonomous Hill Council (DGAHC), to review the implementation of the Memorandum of settlement (Darjeeling Accord) of 1988 and other development issues. It emerged that on some of the issues follow up action is yet to be completed by the Government of West Bengal. The issue of Sixth Schedule status for DGAHC was also discussed.

(c) & (d): Reports of militant activities of some organizations in the North Bengal region have come to notice. Government has been regularly sensitizing State Governments and concerned agencies regarding militant/subversive activities. Intelligence is shared on continuous basis and support is provided by way of financial assistance for modernizing the State Police Forces and deployment of Central Para Military forces on need basis.